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SUBJECT: TUNISIAN/LIBYAN CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE:

ITALIAN EMBASSY COMMENTS

1. ITALIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR RUGGIERELLO CALLED ON DCM TODAY IN FIRST DIRECT APPROACH WE HAVE HAD FROM ITALIANS HERE ON CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE. WHILE NOTHING PARTICULARLY NEW EMERGED FROM DISCUSSION, RUGGIERELLO DID MAKE RATHER CLEAR STATEMENT OF ITALIAN POSITION, WHICH IN LINE WITH REPORTING FROM ROME.

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HE SAID THAT ONLY FEASIBLE COURSE FOR PRESENT SEEMED TO BE FOR SCARABEO IV TO CONDUCT NO FURTHER DRILLING OPERATIONS BUT TO REMAIN IN IMMEDIATE AREA WHICH WAS INTERNATIONAL WATERS. THIS WOULD LEAVE BOTH LIBYA AND TUNISIA ABOUT 50 PERCENT AS ANGRY WITH ITALIANS AS ONE OR THE OTHER WOULD BE IF ANY OTHER COURSE WERE FOLLOWED. WHEN ASKED IF THIS WAS NOT AN EXPENSIVE

PROPOSITION IN THE LONG TERM, RUGGIRELLO REPLIED THAT IT WAS AN EXPENSIVE PROPOSITION EVEN IN THE SHORT TERM, BUT HE REFERRED TO LARGE ITALIAN ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN LIYA. HE ALSO SAID THAT AS FAR AS ITALY WAS CONCERNED, DISPUTE WOULD NOT EFFECT THE QUESTION OF NATURAL GAS PIPELINE FROM ALGERIA THROUGH TUNISIA TO ITALY; BUT IT COULD BE THAT ALGERIANS WOULD LEAN SOME ON QADHAFI IF THEY THOUGHT THIS WOULD HELP IN REACHING AGREEMENT WITH TUNISIANS ON PIPELINE.

2. SEE SEPTTEL FOR TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT PUBLIC COMMENTS ON DISPUTE, WHICH INCLUDE REFERENCES TO PIPELINE.
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